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CHEROKEE FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

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1. I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH I APPRECIATED YOUR CABLE
ON THE LONDON SPEECH AND THE REPORT OF YOUR MEETING WITH
ART HARTMAN. REGARDING THE SPEECH, I ONLY WISH I COULD
EXTRACT FROM MY STAFF THE SAME SENSE OF RESPECT FOR MY
WRITTEN (AND SPOKEN) WORD. WITH REGARD TO HARTMAN, I
AM PLEASED THAT YOU AND ART HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO TALK
THINGS OUT. I HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF RESPECT FOR YOU BOTH
ANDHAV: ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT THE REAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN
YOU WERE LESS THAN EITHER OF YOU THOUGHT.

2. I ALSO WANT TO BE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE FREE
TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH ME WHENEVER YOU FEEL IT
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NECESSARY. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT I WILL BE SENSITIVE

TO YOUR CONCERNS.

3. LARRY HAS ALREADY DISCUSSED HIS LUNCHEON WITH BELOVSKI AND THEIR CONVERSATION ON THE WALL STREET JOURNAL PIECE WITH ME. THE ISSUE DIED HERE WITHOUT FANFARE AND LARRY HAS SUCCESSFULLY DEBUNKED ANY SPECULATION THAT MIGHT HAVE

LURKED IN BELOVSKIS MIND. I AM CONVINCED THAT ANY PUBLIC ATTEMPT TO HANDLE THE PIECE WOULD ONLY GIVE IT A FURTHER LEASE ON LIFE. IF YOU DONT AGREE, LET ME KNOW AND WE WILL SEE WHAT MORE CAN BE DONE. LET US STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH.

4. WARM REGARDS. KISSINGER

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